

**Remarks**

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated as mailed August 9, 2007 and the documents cited therewith. After the above amendments have been made, the present application contains claims 11-14, 16-20, 22-28, and 30-32. Claims 1-10, 15, 21, 29, and 33-48 have been canceled.

In this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-10, 15, 21, 29, and 33-48 from further consideration in this Application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by these claims prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the documents of record in the present application. Claims 1-10, 15, 21, 29, and 33-48 were cancelled in this Amendment to reduce the issues on Appeal and to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the Application. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims including subject matter encompassed by claims 1-10, 15, 21, 29, and 33-48, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications as permitted by any applicable rules.

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Conclusion

Entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is respectfully requested in that this Amendment cancels claims to reduce the number of issues for appeal.


If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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